

- 11. A method for reconciling transaction data of an entity, comprising:
- receiving by a system of an intent data element that represents a transaction to take place on a date;
  - storing the intent data element with a date code corresponding to the date in a database of the system;
  - receiving by the system of a transaction data element that represents a transaction that occurred on the date;
  - responsive to a match between the transaction data element and the intent data element for the date, assigning a reconciled code to the matching transaction data element to form a reconciled transaction data element and to the intent data element to form a reconciled intent data element and storing the reconciled transaction data element and the reconciled intent data element in the database;
  - responsive to no match between the transaction data element and any intent data element stored in the database for the date, assigning an unreconciled code to the transaction data element to form an unreconciled transaction data element and storing the unreconciled transaction data element in the database; and
  - preparing a total of all transactions performed on the date.
12. The method of claim 11, wherein the step of preparing a total comprises:
- preparing a total debit amount; and
  - preparing a total credit amount.
13. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
- storing the total in the database.
14. The method of claim 12, further comprising:
- transmitting the total to a general ledger system of the entity that is external to the system.

15. The method of claim 11, further comprising:  
repeating the step of preparing a total responsive to receipt by the system of another transaction data element.
16. The method of claim 11, further comprising:  
transmitting the reconciled transaction data element and the reconciled intent data element to a financial system external to the system.
17. The method of claim 11, further comprising:  
transmitting the reconciled transaction data element and the reconciled intent data element to a division system of the entity that is external to the system.
18. The method of claim 11, further comprising:  
transmitting the unreconciled transaction data element to a financial system external to the system.
19. The method of claim 11, further comprising:  
transmitting the unreconciled transaction data element to a division system of the entity that is external to the system.
20. The method of claim 11, wherein the intent data element is received from a financial system external to the system.
21. The method of claim 11, wherein the intent data element is received from a division system of the entity that is external to the system.

22. The method of claim 11, further comprising:  
comparing the transaction data element with intent data elements for the date that are stored in the database to determine the match between the transaction data element and the intent data element for the date.
23. The method of claim 11, wherein the system comprises:  
a network and gateway services element for accessing a plurality of financial systems;  
a navigator for identifying one or more sources of information required by the system to reconcile transactions of the entity in response to control commands received from a remote access terminal or from one or more of the plurality of financial systems, and for generating corresponding source access command signals; and  
a session manager coupled to the navigator for generating session commands in response to the source access command signals generated by the navigator, wherein the network and gateway services element access the financial systems in response to session commands received from the session manager.
24. The method of claim 11, further comprising:  
receiving by the system of audit data that comprises audit data elements corresponding to transaction performed by a financial system external to the system.
25. The method of claim 24, further comprising:  
responsive to the receipt of audit data, comparing the audit data elements with the reconciled transaction data elements and the unreconciled transaction data elements.
26. The method of claim 25, further comprising:  
identifying discrepant audit data elements that do not have corresponding reconciled transaction data elements or unreconciled transaction data elements.

27. The method of claim 25, further comprising:  
identifying discrepant reconciled transaction data elements that do not have  
corresponding audit data elements.
28. The method of claim 25, further comprising:  
identifying discrepant unreconciled transaction data elements that do not have  
corresponding audit data elements.
29. The method of claim 22, further comprising:  
receiving by the system of audit data that comprises audit data elements corresponding to  
transaction performed by a financial system external to the system.
30. A method for consolidating, monitoring and controlling financial transactions of an  
entity, comprising:  
receiving by a system of control commands from a remote access terminal or from one or  
more of a plurality of financial systems external to the system;  
identifying one or more sources of information required to consolidate, monitor, or  
control the financial transactions of the entity in response to the control commands;  
generating source access command signals that correspond to the one or more sources of  
information;  
generating session commands in response to the source access command signals; and  
accessing the one or more sources of information in response to the session commands.
31. The method of claim 30, wherein at least one of the one or more sources of information is  
a financial system external to the system.
32. The method of claim 30, wherein the identifying step is carried out using a navigator.

33. The method of claim 30, wherein the step of generating session commands is carried out using a session manager.

34. The method of claim 30, further comprising:  
storing information received by the system.

35. A system for consolidating, monitoring and controlling financial transactions of an entity, comprising:

a navigator that identifies one or more sources of information required by said system to consolidate, monitor, or control the financial transactions of the entity in response to control commands received from a remote access terminal or from one or more of a plurality of financial systems, wherein the navigator generates corresponding source access command signals;

a session manager coupled to said navigator, wherein said session manager generates session commands in response to said source access command signals; and

a network and gateway services element for accessing the plurality of financial systems in response to said session commands received from said session manager.

36. The system of claim 35, wherein said control commands received by said navigator are requests for financial data.

37. The system of claim 36, wherein said navigator determines whether the requested financial data is stored within said system, and, if not, identifies one or more of the plurality of financial systems to enable said system to automatically obtain the requested financial data from the identified financial systems.

38. The system of claim 35, wherein said control commands received by said navigator are update commands containing financial data to be stored either in said system or in one or more of the plurality of financial systems.